

8th plan. There is no proposal to convert Kanjirapally, Manipally and Bharanaganam into electronic exchanges at present.

(b) The details of the exchanges to be converted into electronic exchanges are as under:

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Name of the Station</i>	<i>Capacity of exch.</i>	<i>Year of conversion</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
1.	Manimala	512 Port ILT	1990-91	Subject to availability of equipment
2.	Uzhavoor	512 Port C-DOT	1990-91	
3.	Marangattupally	512 Port C-DOT	1990-91	
4.	Erattupetta	2000 lines C-DOT	1992-93	

(c) and (d). Inter dialling facility is already existing at Kanjirapally, Bharanaganam, Erthupetta, Manimala, Uzhavoor and Marangathupally. There is proposal to provide this facility in Manipally during 1990-91. STD facility is proposed to be introduced at Kanjirapally during 1989-90. Bharanaganam and Erathupetta exchanges are planned for STD facility during 8th Five Year Plan. Exchanges at Monipally, Manimala, Uzhavoor and Marangathupally will be provided STD facility when justified.

Four Zones to Avoid Complications of Permits and Taxes

658. PROF. YADUNATH PANDEY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to divide the country into four zones to avoid various complications of permits and taxes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN) : (a) and (b). Presumably the Hon'ble Member is referring to motor vehicle permits and motor vehicle taxes. There is no proposal for divid-

ing the country into four zones as far as the system of motor vehicle permits and motor vehicle taxes is concerned.

Introduction of Car Telephone

659. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are reviving the plan to introduce car telephones in the country;

(b) if so, the rationale behind it;

(c) whether the President of M/s. Ericsson of Sweden visited India recently and if so, whether any discussion was held with him on the revival of the car telephones plan;

(d) the views of the telecom experts in this regard; and

(e) the implications of introduction of these telephones in the context of the French Cit-Alcatel System and the indigenous C-Dot system in the telecom network of the country?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) and (b). For a

country of our size, mobile car telephones will be required at some point of time. No decision has been taken so far as to when this technology should be introduced.

(c) A brief meeting was held between the President of M/s. Ericsson of Sweden and Chairman, Telecom Commission. General technology issues were discussed. No discussions were held on the subject of Car telephones.

(d) In the present transient state of change over of technology from Analogue to Digital, it would be in the interest of India to develop a Digital technology for Car Telephone ourselves.

(e) These aspects will have to be studied while arriving at a final decision regarding introduction of Car telephones.

[*Translation*]

Terrorists Killings in Punjab

660. SHRI RESHAM LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons involved in terrorist of extremist activities arrested during December, 1989 to February, 1990;

(b) the number of terrorists who are under detention in Punjab under various security laws; and

(c) the number of terrorists against whom cases are pending in various courts or special courts in Punjab as on 1st March, 1990?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) to (c). Detailed information in this regard is awaited from the Government of Punjab.

[*English*]

Agricultural Education

661. SHRI SHANTILAL PURUSHOT-TAMDAS PATEL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an urgent need for improving the training facilities at the under graduate and post graduate level for agricultural education;

(b) the details of suggestion made in the three day Seminar on agricultural education held from February 3, 1990; and

(c) the suggestions considered for implementation by Government?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The details of the suggestions made in the seminar and considered for implementation are furnished in the statement below.

STATEMENT

Suggestion made in the National Seminar on Agricultural Education and Considered for Implementation

1. The administration to Undergraduate programmes, should be through a combined Entrance Test where more than one agricultural university have been established in a state.

2. There should be some reservations in each State Agricultural University for students from other States which may be monitored by ICAR through National test. Such students should be given some financial assistance as an incentive.